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Meet Peter Mackin

DUXBURY WATER SUPERINTENDENT



How long has he worked for the town?

Peter Mackin has worked three years for the town of Duxbury. Prior to taking the reins of the entire division, he was supervising foreman of the treatment department, which treats the water. Before that he was a pump station operator.

Where else has he worked?

Before coming to Duxbury, he was superintendent of the Buzzards Bay Water District. "That's where I got my start in drinking water."

What's the biggest challenge he faces?

Mackin says he doesn't face any particular challenges, and noted that he brings supervisory experience from all his previous jobs, including his work for a Monument Beach Lobster Trap Company.

However, this is the first time he'll be dealing with unionized employees. "It's new to me" He said he'll be looking for guidance from both town manger Richard Macdonald

and DPW head Peter Butkuss. One project he's working on who is to update the town's emergency response program in case there is a water emergency in town, such as the e.coli outbreak in Pembroke in the summer of 2008. "We need one appropriate for Duxbury."

What changes will he make?

He's not expecting to make any changes. "The structure good, we have very competent people." So far, he said, it doesn't seem other departments have noticed any change in the operation of the water division.

What else?

Mackin, 36, is single and is in the process of moving from *Cataumet* to a house in East Falmouth. He described himself as an action sports enthusiast, who enjoys cycling, scuba diving and snowboarding. However, "my hobbies have taken a back seat to learning how to do my job better."